



Bern, October 2018

The Institute of Jewish Studies and the Institute of Historical Theology at the University of Bern invite applications for three **PhD positions** (full-time and limited to four years):

- (1) Jewish Studies or Classics**
- (2) and (3) Theology, Classics or History**

The three positions are funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation SNF and are part of the larger “Sinergia” research project “*Lege Josephum: Ways of Reading Josephus in the Latin Middle Ages*”, co-directed with the Classics department.

Position 1, Jewish Studies or Classics:

The successful candidate will write a dissertation on the use of Latin sources in the 10th century historiographical work *Yosippon*. Candidates must hold an MA degree in Jewish Studies, Classics or an affiliated field and demonstrate thorough knowledge of both Latin and (biblical) Hebrew.

Positions 2 and 3, Theology, Classics, Medieval Latin or History:

The successful candidates will write a dissertation on the use and interpretation of Josephus in historiographical works by the Circle of St Victor: in Petrus Comestor's *Historia scholastica* (Position 2) and in the crusader chronicles of the 12th century (Position 3). Candidates must hold an MA degree in Theology, Classics, or History and demonstrate thorough knowledge of Latin.

The annual salaries for each position range from CHF 47'040 to CHF 50'040. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2019, or shortly thereafter. Applications should be submitted in German or English and should contain a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, as well as a sample of academic writing (one pdf-file).

Applicants for position 1 are invited to send in their applications (and enquiries about the project) electronically to the following address: Prof. Dr. René Bloch, Institut für Judaistik, Länggassstrasse 51, 3012 Bern, Switzerland, rene.bloch@theol.unibe.ch. Applicants for positions 2 and 3 are invited to send in their applications (and enquiries about the projects) electronically to the following address: Prof. Dr. Katharina Heyden, Institut für Historische Theologie, Länggassstrasse 51, 3012 Bern, Switzerland, katharina.heyden@theol.unibe.ch.

Applications for all three positions should be sent in no later than **January 31, 2019**.